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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/729,112

Applicant(s)

WANG, DAPENG

Examiner

Robert Rose

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 6, 9, 14, 15, 18 and 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4, 5, 7, 8, 10-13, 16, 17, 19, 20 and 22-25 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/5/03.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Receipt is acknowledged of Applicant's Prior Art Statement, filed December 5, 2003.
2. Receipt is acknowledged of Applicant's Preliminary Amendment, filed December 12, 2004. The foreign citations have not been considered, as no copies of these documents have been provided.
3. Claims 1-25 are presented for examination.
4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-3, 6, 9, 14-15, 18, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Breivogel et al. Breivogel et al disclose a cmp apparatus and method of polishing, comprising all of the subject matter set forth in Applicant's claims above. Note polishing pad(23); deformable pad(22)(20) having isolated solid supports(22); and ventral layer(20).
6. Claims 4-5, 7-8, 10-13, 16-17, 19-20, and 22-25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Yamamoto is cited to show a two-layer cmp pad with

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ventral layer(113). Kim et al is cited of interest to show a two-layer cmp pad having an underlayer with regions of different hardness. Torii, Tanaka et al, and Hyde et al are cited to show other cmp pads with plural layers of different properties.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Robert Rose at telephone number (571) 272-4494.

Robert Rose
Primary Examiner
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November 29, 2004.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Rose', is written over the printed name and title.